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BRAC tabs six AFSC installations for closure

Rock Island, Ill. – Today, Michael W. Wayne, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, announced the Defense Department's recommendation for the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure commission.

The recommendation calls for the closure of six Army Field Support Command installations.

The installations affected by the proposed closure include:

- * Hawthorne Army Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada
- * Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, Parsons, Kansas
- * Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, Texarkana, Texas
- * Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi
- * Red River Munitions Center, Texarkana, Texas
- * Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant, Riverbank, California

Several installations are also gaining workload functions from the proposed ammunition plants that are closing.

The closure includes a total personnel loss of 766 people.

Under the proposal, the headquarters of the U.S. Army Field Support Command and the subordinate Joint Munitions Command would remain at Rock Island, with no known personnel impact.

The BRAC Commission, appointed by President Bush on March 15, 2005, will now examine the recommendations and either accepts or modifies the list and submits their own recommendations to the President no later than September 8, 2005.

For information on BRAC installations; call the BRAC Commission, Lt. Col. Barry Johnson at (701) 697-5192 or email: barry.johnson@hqda.army.mil. The BRAC website the Department of Defense is http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/, and for the Department of the Army is http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/braco.htm.

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